GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:135
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PAYMENT OF SUBSIDIES TO FERTILIZER INDUSTRY
SHEELA GAUTAM;VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The accumulated dues of subsidy payable to fertilizer industry towards the end of the year 2000 and till October, 2001, separately;

(b) the main reasons for such accumulation of the dues;

(c) its overall impact on the performance of fertilizer industry; and

(d) the remedial measures taken or being taken to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 135 to be answered on 27.11.2001.

(a)&(b): Urea, being the only fertilizer under statutory price, distribution and movement control is covered under Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme (RPS) and iseligible for payments of subsidy under the Scheme. The subsidy bills pending in the Office of Fertilizer Industry Co-ordination Committee, which has been administeringand operating RPS, as on 31.12.2000, were at Rs.934.11 crore.All these bills were cleared within the stipulated period of 60 days. The subsidy bills pending as on 31.10.2001 were Rs.834.61 crore, of which bills worth of Rs.683.56 crore have already been settled. The remaining bills will be settled within the stipulated time period.

(c)&(d): In view of position explained at (a) & (b) above, it does not apply.